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Election/Restrictions

Newly submitted claims 20-28 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The originally claimed invention was directed to a portable information terminal apparatus connected to a recording/reproducing apparatus wherein the recording/reproducing apparatus received commands from the portable information terminal apparatus to acquire and display program information from a program information service provider. The newly submitted claims describe a portable information terminal apparatus connected to a recording/reproducing apparatus wherein the portable information terminal apparatus, by itself, acquires and displays program information from a program information service provider.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 20-28 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

The amendment filed on December 4, 2006 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03).

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